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USDA to Survey Row Crops County Acreage & Production

Little Rock, Arkansas - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will gather row crop information from farmers in 38 states, including Arkansas, as part of its 2020 Row Crops County Agricultural Production survey. The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, final yields, and production of row crops down to the county level. Producers can complete their survey securely online at agcounts.usda.gov.

"The data provided by surveyed producers will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Eugene Young, Director of the NASS Delta Regional Field Office. "We hope every producer who receives this survey will take the time to respond. Producers benefit when there are data available to help determine accurate loan rates, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency may not have enough information on which to base their programs."

Within the next few weeks, NASDA enumerators will contact selected Arkansas growers to arrange telephone interviews to complete the survey. Survey response is protected by federal law (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), which keeps respondent identity and answers confidential.

Survey results for Arkansas row crops will be available on the website located at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arkansas/Publications/County_Estimates/index.php.

For more information on all NASS surveys, reports, and for the release dates by commodity, visit nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports by date.php, or contact the NASS Delta Regional Field Office at (800) 327-2970.

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